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## Longmont Police Department & Boulder County Sheriff's Office Firing Range and Training Center

### *Public Use Range Rules*

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#### Four Basic Firearms Safety Rules

- 1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded!**
- 2. Never let your muzzle point at anything you are not willing to shoot!**
- 3. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until your sights are on target and you are ready to shoot!**
- 4. Be aware of your target and what is beyond!**

Firearms safety is ultimately the responsibility of individuals, whether they are using the Longmont Police Department & Boulder County Sheriff's Office Range and Training Center or handling firearms away from the facility.

5. All users of the facility shall conduct themselves responsibly and in a safe manner and are responsible for the safe and proper functioning of their firearms and ammunition. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests,
6. Steel core, steel slug, ceramic tipped, armor piercing, tracer and any other ammunition that may damage the bullet containment trap are not permitted. Any ammunition that will stick to a magnet on any part of the round is not permitted. The use of black powder or synthetic black powder is not permitted due to air filtration requirements. All .50 cal or greater rounds may not be used due to limitations of the bullet traps. Other high energy rounds smaller than .50 cal may also be excluded from use.
7. Only paper or cardboard targets may be used and targets must be affixed to the range provided backer board. No explosive targets may be used. Users may bring their own targets or purchase targets from the range.
8. Firearms with full automatic capability can not be used in full auto mode during normal range days.
9. Loading or unloading of firearms is permitted ONLY while inside the range, on the firing line, and in a safe manner. Loading of magazines or clips with rounds is permitted anywhere within the range and range building.
10. Holstered handguns, in accordance with Colorado Law regarding open carry, or with a valid Conceal Carry Weapons Permit (CCW) may be loaded, but shall not be removed from the holster until on the firing line and it is safe to do so. Cased or bagged firearms shall be unloaded and not removed from the package until on the firing line and safe to do so. Firearms shall be unloaded and

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returned to cases or bags prior to leaving the firing line. Exception: handguns may be holstered while loaded.

11. Firearms removed from any holster or carry devise must be immediately placed on the shooting table at the firing line. The muzzle must remain pointed in the down range direction when removing from or inserting in any holster or carry devise. Draw and shoot motions are not permitted.
12. Users may not move from lane to lane with a firearm unless the firearm is holstered or cased. Cross lane shooting is not permitted.
13. Sight and hearing protection is required while inside the range. Sight protection should be rated for high velocity impacts. Double hearing protection, ear plugs and muffs, are required by all users while on the range. The only exception to using hearing protection is during a cease fire condition.
14. Once a "Cease Fire" is called, all users will immediately stop firing, unload the firearm, place it on the shooting bench with the action open and chamber visible then step back from the line. Users shall not move or reach beyond the firing line downrange unless it is safe to do so while the range is under a cease fire and given specific instructions by a range safety staff member.
15. Users who experience problems with firearms while on the firing line are required to leave their firearm at the firing line with the muzzle pointed toward the bullet containment trap while they seek assistance from a range safety staff member. Loaded firearms may not be carried by hand from the firing line or anywhere else at the facility unless directly supervised by a range safety staff member.
16. Users are expected to clean up their trash, unexpended rounds and expended cases after shooting. Receptacles for trash, recycle paper, brass and aluminum are provided by the range. All mis-fires, hang-fires, squib-fires and other defective live rounds should be given to range staff for proper disposal.
17. Damage to any part of the facility is the financial responsibility of the paid user who causes the damage. Damage caused by the guest of a member is the responsibility of the member.
18. The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs/substances and any other impairing substances prior to arriving at the range or while at the range, is prohibited.
19. Food and drinks are not permitted on the firing line.
20. Smoking is permitted at designated locations only, which are outside of the buildings and away from the entrances. Tobacco product use is NOT permitted inside any of the buildings.
21. Pets are not permitted at the Longmont Police Department & Boulder County Sheriff's Office Firing Range and Training Center. Service animals are permitted and shall be under complete control of the user at all times per ADA Rules.
22. Due to a risk of lead contamination, children under the age of 9 are not permitted on the range. Pregnant women are highly discouraged from using the range for the same reason.
23. All users and visitors from age 9 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Adult is defined as anyone age 18 or older.
24. In the event of an emergency, anyone observing the emergency can call for a "stop" or "cease fire" and notify a range safety staff member of the emergency.
25. Range safety staff members have the authority to monitor the safety conditions of the range users. Safety violations will be documented and reviewed by range management. Violations of these rules may result in a user being removed from the range and/or range access denied. Successful completion of a recommended firearms training course may allow for the reinstatement of a user's access to the range.